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~~to : Article K.4 Committee~~

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Subject: CIREA - Circulation and confidentiality of joint reports on the situation in certain third countries ([1])

At its meeting on 8 and 9 November 1993 Steering Group I (Asylum/Immigration) considered the last aspect to be resolved concerning the circulation and confidentiality of joint reports on the situation in certain third countries. It emerged that:

- eleven delegations were able to agree to the text set out in the Annex;

- the Italian delegation entered a reservation. It considered that the appropriate CFSP bodies should be contacted to check whether they saw any reason why the joint reports should not be made public in some cases in connection with appeals.

([1]) General reservation by the Spanish delegation.

ANNEX

Circulation and confidentiality of
joint reports on the situation
in certain third countries

- The joint reports, possibly accompanied by an internal note from CIREA, addressed to Steering Group I (Asylum/Immigration) and containing its observations, will be sent to the heads of delegations in that Group and they will be responsible for deciding on national circulation of joint reports within the limits laid down in the two indents below.

- The national authorities responsible for matters concerning asylum and aliens will be able to use the reports together with the other items of information at their disposal.

- Depending on national procedures, these reports may be made available to the parties involved in a dispute when there is an appeal against a decision by the authorities responsible for matters concerning asylum or aliens.